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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated February 15, 2006, the period for response to which extends through July 17, 2006, [with the 15th being a Saturday and a 2-month extension of time include herewith], please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this amendment.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 14 of this amendment.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 18 of this amendment and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this amendment.

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An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 19 of this amendment.

Summary of the Office Action**Drawings Objections**

Figures 4 and 5A-5D stand objected to as not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Claims Rejected Under 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-6, 10-16, 18 and 30-33 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,562,345 to Heyman et al.

Claims Rejected Under 35 USC § 103

Claims 7-9 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,562,345 to Heyman et al in view of U.S. Patent 6,394,646 to Ringermacher et al.

Claims 17 and 19 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,562,345 to Heyman et al in view of the prior art disclosed by Applicant in paragraph 63 of the specification.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough and complete review of the Application.

Claims XX are amended, claims xx are withdrawn, new claims XX are presented, claims YY are cancelled. Therefore, claims X-Y are currently pending in this application. The Specification has been amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been added. The drawings have been corrected to comply with 37 CFR § 1.121(b).